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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, please insert the following subsection:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/178,766, filed October 26, 1998, which is a divisional of 08/734,218, filed October 21, 1996, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

## REMARKS

Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 120, Applicants hereby claim the priority of U. S. Patent Application No. 09/178,766, filed October 26, 1998, of which this application is a Continuation-In-Part, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/734,218, filed October 21, 1996, which claims the benefit of the priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of :

Japanese Patent Application No. 7-274234,  
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